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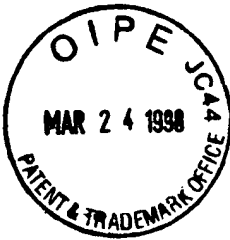
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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March 24, 1998

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 24, 1997, the due date for reply having been extended three (3) months to March 24, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claim as follows:

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a' Claim 7. (Amended) A method for a treating bone [disorders] disorder comprising [using] administering an effective bone treating amount of interferon  $\beta$  or an interferon inducer to a patient suffering from said bone disorder.

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